

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A transparent polyester film comprising:
- a pre-dried masterbatch having a vacuum pressure of less than 80 mbar at 130°C comprised of a polyester material and at least one flame retardant which is soluble in polyester; and
- a polyester;

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Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. (Amended) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-dried masterbatch comprises a hydrolysis stabilizer.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The polyester film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pre-dried masterbatch is further dried with stirring to a lower vapor pressure, where the vacuum pressure is less than 50 mbar at 130 °C.